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Cory to undergo surgery; Bishop Soc calls for prayers

By Fe Zamora

FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON Aquino will undergo a medical procedure to remove a portion of her colon afflicted with cancer cells, her social secretary Margie Juico said yesterday.

"She has finally agreed to it," Juico said in a telephone interview.

She did not specify when the procedure will be carried out.

Balanga Bishop Socrates Villegas called for a rosary prayer crusade "for the total healing" of Aquino.

Villegas urged the public to pray the

CORY A8



NOT CHILD'S PLAY Alexa Zuniga wears a surgical mask at the airport in Tijuana, Mexico. Swine flu has killed a toddler in Texas.

Swine flu pandemic feared

World health body says 'all of humanity' threatened; Mexico shuts down

MEXICO CITY—MEXICO readied a "temporarily closed" sign—taking the drastic step of ordering a suspension of nonessential federal government and private business activity as it tried to squelch a swine flu epidemic.

The World Health Organization ratcheted up its alert to Phase 5 and warned that "all of humanity" is threatened.

The dire warning showed that health officials are very worried about the potential for massive numbers of deaths worldwide from the mutated virus, even though the epidemic so far has claimed only a confirmed eight lives in Mexico and one in the United States. Roughly 170 deaths are suspected of having been caused by the virus in Mexico.

Switzerland and the Netherlands on Thursday became the latest countries to report a swine flu infection.

Swiss authorities said a 19-year-old student was stricken with the virus but was mistakenly released from a hospital and then hastily readmitted.

The Dutch government confirmed the country's first case—a 3-year-old child who recently returned from Mexico.

European Union health ministers held emergency talks in Luxembourg to coordinate national efforts to prevent the spread of swine flu in Europe.

SWINE FLU A6



BEFORE they beat each other up in a 12-round slugfest on May 2, Manny Pacquiao and Ricky Hatton are laughing it up as the former tries a face-to-face pose with his English ring rival during a news conference at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. No matter that the state now has its first confirmed swine flu detection, more than 15,000 tickets to the mega-fight have been sold out. And millions more will comprise the global audience on TV.

It will be war, says Pacquiao but ma steals show

By Roy Luarca

LAS VEGAS—RICKY HATTON promised to "shock the world" when he meets Manny Pacquiao on Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila) in a title fight that both boxers said would be a war.

The expected fireworks at the two fighters' joint press conference at the MGM Grand hotel-casino on Wednesday fizzled out, but just the same promoters of the "Battle of East and West" succeeded in raising interest in the blockbuster card.

But Pacquiao's mother, Dionesia, in the United States for the first time, provided the sizzle.

Oddsmakers have installed Pacquiao a 2-1 favorite in their 140-pound (63½ kilogram) fight for Hatton's IBO junior welterweight title.

"I've been here before," Hatton said, reveling in his role as underdog. "People say (I'm) over-hyped, overpromoted, a fat, beer-drinking Englishman. Well, I'm going to shock the world again."

IT WILL BE WAR A16

Legacy owner at St. Luke's for cancer

By Nancy Carvajal and Dexter L. Lucas

THE FOUNDER OF THE COLLAPSED Legacy Group of Companies is being treated for cancer of the tonsils at St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City according to a hospital spokesperson.

Celso de los Angeles Jr. went under the knife late on Tuesday and is still unable to talk, but "gave his permission to release his medical condition to the media through his brother," Marilen Logronio, St. Luke's vice president for customer affairs, told the Inquirer yesterday afternoon.

Logronio refused to say how ad-

LEGACY A8



GMA on road to Damascus amid swine flu fears

By TJ Burgonio

EVEN AS THE GLOBAL ANXIETY over the swine flu grows, President Macapagal-Arroyo is pushing ahead with her trip to Egypt and Syria this weekend, Malacañang officials said yesterday.

Ms Arroyo is scheduled to depart at around 2:30 a.m. tomorrow for her two-day official visit to Egypt and

GMA ON ROAD A9

Solon poses question: Who's the liar? Defensor or Lozada?

By Leila B. Salaverria and Jeannette I. Andrade

WHO IS THE LIAR BETWEEN THE President's former chief of staff Michael Defensor and whistle-blower Rodolfo Lozada?

This was the question posed by Bayan Muna Rep. Teodoro Casiño yesterday as he came to Lozada's defense and commended him for making the sacrifices he has made.

Lozada was arrested the other day in connection with the perjury case Defensor filed against him for saying in court that Defensor had told him to deny any anomaly in the deal between the government and

SOLON A6



IT'S NOT GOODBYE Jun Lozada waves to supporters from inside the warrant section of the Manila Police District where he's detained until May 7.

Torture victims tell their stories before UN body

By Nikko Dizon

THE "BUTCHER" DOES NOT HAUNT him anymore, not in the Palace of Nations overlooking the breathtaking Lake Geneva and the French Alps with the snow-covered Mont Blanc in the distance.

All bundled up for an unseasonal chill at springtime in Switzerland, Raymond Manalo recounted before UN officials in Geneva the harrowing pain and fear he suffered from soldiers under then Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan.

Palparan, tagged by the Left as "the

TORTURE A6

Job fairs, marches but no pay hikes on Labor Day

By TJ Burgonio and Jerome Aning

THERE WILL BE NO WAGE INCREASE for workers to mark Labor Day today, but the Department of Labor and Employment is holding fairs nationwide offering more than 200,000 jobs, Malacañang said yesterday.

"There will be a job fair in all the regions," Cabinet Secretary Silvestre Bello III said on the phone. "Labor Day is an occasion to look back on the welfare of Filipino workers, and a time to reflect on their needs in terms of pay and job opportunities."

But don't expect President Macapagal-Arroyo at any of the job fairs or other Labor Day activities.

Asked if Ms Arroyo had any such activity scheduled, Bello said: "None that I know of."

Speaking at the 19th annual conference of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association yesterday, the President made no mention of Labor Day and focused on the "good news" about the global economic downturn.

She said the US Federal Reserve had observed that the sharp decline in the US economy was slowing, while Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso had talked of "a few glimmers of hope."

She added that the pickup in China's economy would strongly support growth in the rest of Asia by raising de-

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General defends foreign post

"IT'S THE PREROGATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT... FOR doing our jobs well."

Unique training process

'Breach of protocol'

Point of exercise

Long list of retirees



"ALABANG BOYS" Jorge Joseph and Richard Brodett escorted by a PDEA agent to new jail.

2 'Alabang Boys' moved to Taguig

Depression off Mindoro

'Not active'

Not so hot

No prior restraint: SC upholds televangelist's suspension

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE SUPREME COURT HAS UPHELD the three-month suspension imposed by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) on television evangelist Eliseo "Brother Eli" Soriano for his "indecent" remarks against the host of a rival religious television program.

The MTRCB suspended Soriano for slandering Iglesia ni Cristo minister Michael Sandoval, host of the Ang Tamang Daan program, in his Ang Dating Daan television program on Aug. 10, 2004. The rival evangelists have been conducting a running debate in their shows.

Soriano called Sandoval a "liar," an "idiot," and "worse than a whore."

Voting 11 to 4, the high court ruled that the MTRCB suspension was not "prior restraint" against Soriano's freedom of speech but a "form of permissible administrative sanction or subsequent punishment."

The high court said Soriano's "statements can be treated as obscene, at least with respect to the average child" so these are not covered by protected speech.

Chief Justice Reynato Puno, who was among the four who dissented with the majority decision, said the three-month suspension "works as a prior restraint" on Soriano.

Associate Justice Antonio Carpio also called the suspension "an unconstitutional prior restraint on the freedom of expression."

He said there are only four instances when prior restraint can be justified: if it involves either pornography, false or misleading advertisement, advocacy of imminent lawless action, and danger to national security.

"Obviously, what [Soriano] uttered does not fall under any of the four," he said.

NOODLE SCAM?

DepEd chief to review school feeding program

By Philip C. Tubeza

EDUCATION SECRETARY Jesli Lapus said he is willing to order a review of the Department of Education's school feeding program over allegations that the noodles being given to students are overpriced and not nutritious enough.

But Lapus said the Senate is still conducting hearings on the allegations made by [illegible] against the feeding program in which DepEd officials have been grilled.

"There is still another hearing. Let us wait for that (to finish) but we are prepared for a review of that is needed," Lapus said.

Undersecretary Ted Sungil said the feeding program should be continued as it will benefit "almost 400,000 students" in 13 provinces with serious nutritional problems.

"Almost 400,000 [students] are waiting for it. [Should] we postpone it just because somebody made an allegation? Isn't that unfair to the pupils?" Sungil said.

LAPUS

Not under oath

"In the first place, [the complainant] is not a bidder and the complaint was not made in the prescribed form. The allegations were not made under oath. It was only in a letter but they [the senators] picked it up," he added.

Sungil said that the noodles had been verified to contain vitamins and minerals by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) and SGS Phil., a member of Societe Generale de Surveillance, an international company which provides testing and certification services.

He said the cost of commercial noodles is P8 to P9 for a 40- to 55-gram packet. The noodles that the DepEd serves the students cost P17.06 for a 150-gram packet, which is good for one serving.

"Thus, the cost per serving is equivalent to P8.53," Sungil said.

Under the feeding program, the noodles will be provided daily to pre-school and Grade 1 pupils for 120 feeding days this year. This represents a 50 percent increase from the previous years' 80 feeding days.

Special formulation

Sungil also said that it was "unfair" to compare the commercial noodles "which can be bought at any neighborhood store" and the noodles procured by the DepEd "which are especially formulated to meet the nutritional needs of the learners."

He said the noodles for the feeding program are delivered directly to the beneficiaries and "the cost for freight and handling to the DepEd district offices and overhead cost must also be considered."

Most of the beneficiary schools are located in island municipalities and food-poor provinces in the Visayas and Mindanao, Sungil said.

Monopolized

At the first hearing of the Senate investigation into the DepEd feeding program on Wednesday, it emerged that for the past five years, one company, Jevesps Manufacturing Corp., obtained the contract to supply the noodles.

DepEd officials told Sen. [illegible] that Jevesps was awarded six projects under the feeding program for the last five years and was paid P750 million.

DepEd officials said this was because only Jevesps participated in the bidding, an explanation that [illegible] did not buy.

[illegible] also said he could not get anyone to say for certain that the noodles did contain "fresh eggs," as claimed by the manufacturer.

Lawyer [illegible], a spokesman for Jevesps, said in a statement that "it was not the fault of Jevesps that other noodle companies chose not to participate in the bidding process."

Party-list member [illegible] has also filed a resolution in the House calling for an investigation into the DepEd's award of the contract to supply noodles to Jevesps. With reports from Christine Avendaño and Leila B. Salaverria

NHA to condone housing arrears

THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) announced yesterday that delinquent homebuyers threatened with cancellation and foreclosure will get another chance to keep their homes through a program that will condone most of their arrears.

The implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act 9507 [illegible] Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) under Vice President Noli de Castro.

The NHA said the program has liberal provisions that ensure easy enrollment steps to encourage participation.

The NHA will launch the condonation on Monday at the [illegible] Project in Caloocan City. NHA will also start entertaining applicants on May 4 at its different project offices.

Over [illegible] accounts in 39 NHA projects are eligible under the program which provides for substantial discounts on housing arrears along with incentives for updated accounts, NHA said.

Covered by the condonation program are outstanding residential accounts or loans with principal amounts not exceeding P[illegible] million which have cumulative arrearages equivalent to at least three monthly amortizations as of March 15, 2009, notwithstanding availment of previous condonation programs.

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Senate passes rent control bill on 2nd reading

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE SENATE HAS PASSED ON SECOND reading a rent control bill that, if enacted, will put a cap on increases in monthly rentals for rooms, bed spaces, houses, apartments or condominium units until 2011.

Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri said the chamber's action to approve the bill on second reading last Wednesday was "a gift that we're giving the Filipino people for Labor Day."

The House of Representatives passed a counterpart bill [illegible] on second reading on April 13.

Senate Bill [illegible], or the proposed Rent Control Act of 2009, which Zubiri co-sponsored with Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, will extend the effectivity of the expired Rent Control Act of 2005 by three more years to provide affordable housing and rental protection to over 1.5 million families and countless more individuals renting rooms and bed spaces.

The Senate is set to pass the measure on third reading next week.

"The measure will help those renting to at least cope with the higher cost of living because their conditions will be protected by this measure," said Zubiri, who has been pushing for the passage of a rent control law since 1998 when he was first elected to the House.

Renting families

He cited National Statistical Coordination Board figures showing that of the country's [illegible] million households, only two-thirds, or [illegible] million live in houses they own or in housing units for which they pay a monthly amortization, while over two million live free of charge with the owner's consent and [illegible] families are renting.

The Senate version maintains the salient provisions of the original Rent Control Law, which provides for rent increases of [illegible] not to exceed 10 percent annually, as long as the unit is occupied by the same lessee.

The proposed law to limit rent increases will be effective until Dec. 31, 2011.

Other provisions that were retained include a lessor cannot demand more than one month advance and two months deposit; and a lessor or his successor-in-interest is prohibited from ejecting a lessee on the ground that the leased premises have been sold or mortgaged to a third person, regardless of whether the lease or mortgage is registered or not.

It also proposes that the grounds for judicial ejection be limited to the grounds provided for in the previous law.

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Special prosecutor wants prosecutor probed

By Philip C. Tubeza

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR DENNIS VILLA-Ignacio has asked the Ombudsman to investigate the prosecutor who allegedly bungled the criminal cases against the Marcos-era Public Works and Highways Minister Jesus Hipolito and several others that cost the government at least P92 million.

The Sandiganbayan 1st Division earlier this month dismissed the charges against Hipolito and 16 other graft and two estafa cases involving P92.40 million worth of dredging projects in and around Metro Manila between 1985 and 1986.

The court cited as the basis for the dismissal of the charges the prosecution's failure to formally offer in court the "marked evidence" in the cases against Hipolito.

In a memo to Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez, Villa-Ignacio said the Sandiganbayan's ruling citing the failure of the prosecution to offer documentary evidence that had been marked during the presentation of evidence was "disturbing" and that the prosecutor responsible should be investigated.

"As this is a matter of great concern to the image and integrity of the Office of the Ombudsman, it is respectfully recommended that appropriate action be taken immediately," he said.



VILLA-IGNACIO

Acquitted

According to Sandiganbayan records, the prosecutor who handled the cases against Hipolito was Raymundo Julio Olaguer, who is now the director of Ombudsman prosecutors assigned to the 1st Division.

Besides Hipolito, the other respondents who were acquitted were former DPWH officials, deputy minister Aber P. Canlas, regional director Samuel T. Padolina, supervising civil engineer Cornelius O. Tiburquil, chief civil engineers Edilberto D. Tayao and Jesus C. Pedrosa, project engineer Dario P. Catabay and contractors Gilberto B. Fumar Jr., Consuelo A. Lim and Pedro T. Lirazon.

The projects involved were the dredging or declogging of the Meycauayan River and Pangabulan River in Bulacan (December 1985), the Pasig River (December 1985 to January 1986), Concepcion Creek in Malabon (June 1986), and Dongalo River and Sapang Buwaya Creek in Parañaque (December 1985).

The accused allegedly made false representations, falsified contracts and proceedings and other documents to make it appear that the expenses were legal when in fact some of these were "ghost projects."

No documentary evidence

However, the Sandiganbayan noted that the prosecution failed to offer in court documentary evidence that were vital to the government case.

These included government vouchers, Treasury warrants, inspection reports, contracts, bid awards, pre-construction plans, profile and cross-section maps, statements of work accomplished and inspection reports.

"It is worthy to note that falsification of documents can only be proven by presenting the originals of the documents claimed to be falsified," the court said.

It said the failure to produce the originals of the documents was "fatal to the case of the prosecution as there will be no way by which the court may find out the veracity and propriety of the allegation."

Gonzalez tells Lozada: Post bail, face the music

By TJ Burgonio



Solon poses question: Who's the liar?

Substantiate accusations

Posturing

Concocted charges

Acting skills

Can't clear name

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Labor Day marches

On full alert

Rain or shine

3-way service

Torture victims tell their stories before UN body

Gov't doesn't listen

A vow to tell all

Unexpected encounter

Ex-Navy officer found guilty of fraud in 19-year-old case

By Philip C. Tubeza

Legacy told to list assets

By Allison W. Lopez

Gonzalez not biting escape or slay plot

By Christian V. Esguerra

Outsourcing said to be bad for labor

By Jerome Aning

World takes drastic measures to contain swine flu



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Travel bans questionable

Nothing to do with pork

'Don't kiss' advice debatable

Swine flu pandemic feared



NOT MUCH HELP

Mexicans urged to stay home

WHO: Pandemic imminent

Obama praises Bush

Ban on travel to Mexico

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Rosary made by Sister Lucia

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Lawmaker says Manny a cinch for Congress if ...

It will be war, says Pacquiao



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Roach keeps his cool

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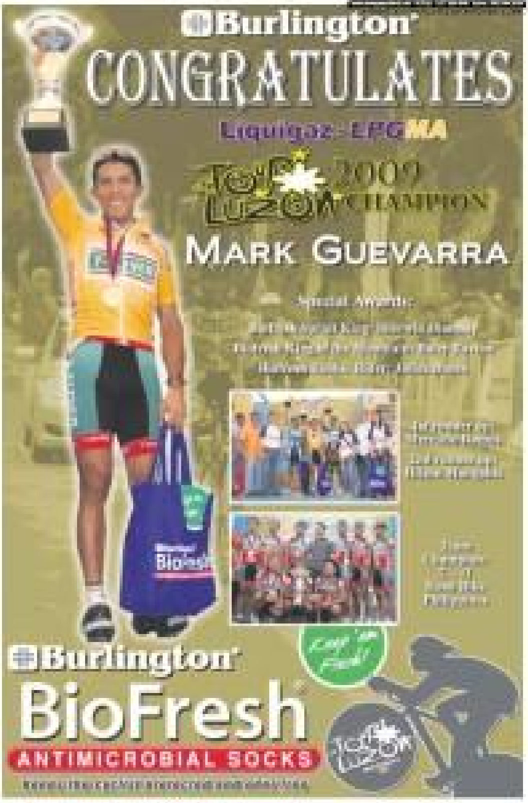
Lessons in humility, generosity

A sell-out



PLDT-SMART AND DOLE

BI threatens to deport animal rights activists



Deportation case filed vs Dutchman

2 NPA rebs slain



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Fearless forecast?

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Party-list reps just as greedy as their peers

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Palparan's perversion of the party-list system

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Raul C. Pangalangan

Palparan polarizes the House

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Commendable Ted, but suicide is not an option

Well-deserved appointment to SC

Asbestos serious threat to workers, should be banned

A new challenge for GMA's 'cabalens'

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Job mismatch a myth

Across the NATION

1,000 garment workers to lose jobs

Low export demand leads to retrenchment

Jobless in motorcade protest

'Lumad' leader shot dead in Davao Or.

Swollen rivers force 3,000 to evacuate



'Comfort women' down to 51, but fight for justice lives on

NPA rebels abduct Army soldier

2 biomass plants to boost power supply in Western Visayas

Villar Cup: Bustamante, Gallego, Gomez score

SPORTS

Oscar sees Hatton winning it by KO



Pacman loosens up playing chess

Palaro: Foul tactics mar race; NCR bets sparkle



Whoppers end 'Fiesta' slide, zap Energy Boosters

By Musong R. Castillo

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Breakthrough for Purefoods' King James

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

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[illegible] Cruz of Licealiz tries to barrel his way past [illegible] of Cobra. Licealiz defeated Cobra, [illegible].

Nuggets boot out Hornets



ANTHONY

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Hawks 106, Heat 91

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Wizards snap Titans win run

By Cedelf P. Tupas

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Warriors target FilOil victory No. 2

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SPORTSWATCH

Pinoy Beach Games starts

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'Bullang' derby up

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Adamson triumphs

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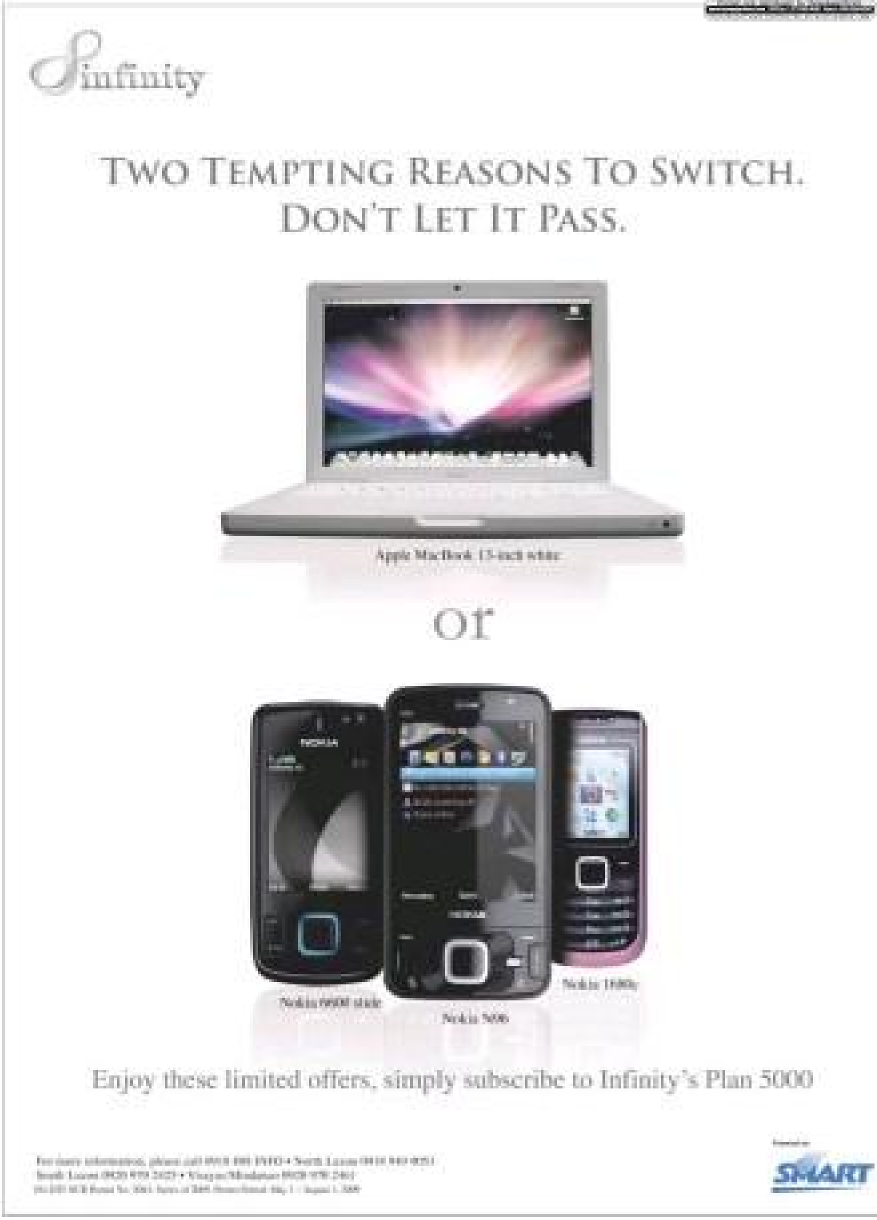
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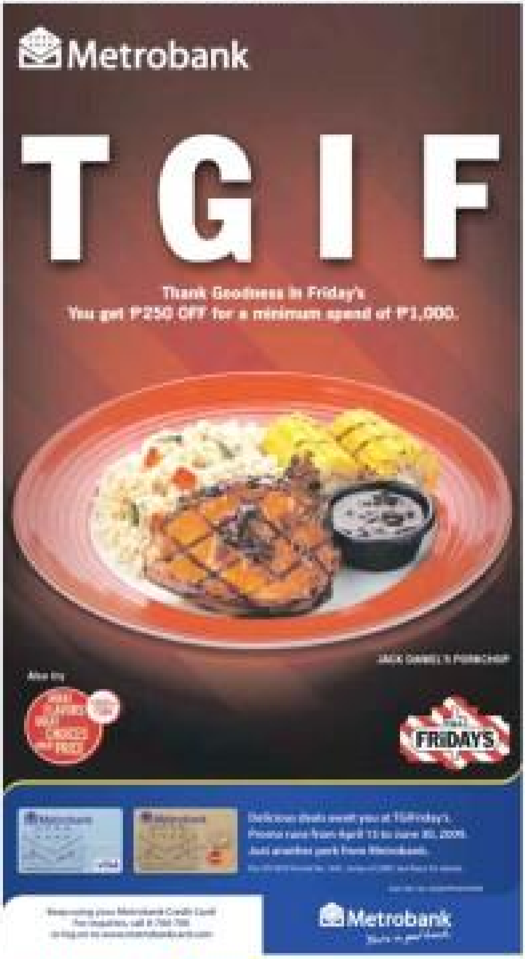
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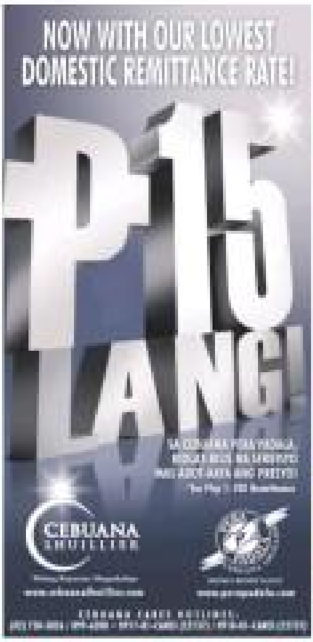
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2 gov't officials charged with estafa

8 armed men steal phone cards, gadgets worth P1M





DID YOU KNOW





NO SWINE FLU HERE

3 suspected hijackers killed in shootout with policemen

By Beverly T. Natividad and Alcuin Papa

THREE SUSPECTED HIJACKERS were killed in a shootout with policemen in Caloocan City before dawn yesterday.

MetroBriefs

3 dead, 1 injured in fire

QC passes 'meat ordinance'

Man's body found in river

Robin Padilla pleads innocent to charge of violating bldg code

By Julie M. Aurelio

Cruz seeks clarification as Cuerpo goes back to work

By Beverly T. Natividad

The WORLD

Worst loss of US economy in 50 years

THE US ECONOMY IS CONTRACTING AT ITS steepest pace in 50 years, the government reported Wednesday, but an unanticipated rise in consumer spending since January suggested to many economists that the worst of the recession may have passed.



OBAMA during a news conference at the White House on April 29.

Obama vows 'unrelenting' efforts in next 100 days

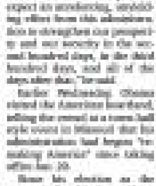


WOMEN grieve at a funeral of a victim of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad's Shiite enclave of Sadr City, Iraq, on April 30.

10 dead in Azeri college shooting

Wave of bombings kills 51 in Baghdad

S. Korea ex-President Roh faces graft probe, says he's ashamed



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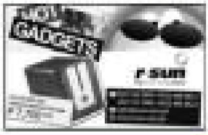
Lebanese generals held in Hariri assassination walk free


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Group bucks foreign ownership of land

Move may lead to exorbitant property prices

By Abigail L. Ho

MOVES TO OPEN LAND OWNERSHIP TO FOREIGNERS should be nipped in the bud as this may result in exorbitant real estate prices in the country, according to the Federation of Philippine Industries.



FAMILY DO

BPI net profit jumps 86% in Q1

SMC eyes Indon coal firm

By Doris C. Dumlao



PESO-DOLLAR RATE



Stocks up on US recovery hopes

Globe gets $50-M loan from Canadian bank

By Doris C. Dumlao

Upgrading of prepaid charging system

Austere annual meetings



Freebies

Development

Cost cutting

14% EQUITY INTEREST

SMC raises ₱19.3B from stake sale

BPI net profit . . .

SMC eyes . . .

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

FOREX RATES

NSO: Downtrend in retail prices starts to ease

Prices of food commodities declined by 0.4% in Feb.

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German company upbeat on RP market

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DOE eyes Subic for bioethanol storage

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Basic Energy to infuse equity in unit

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Aboitiz issues ₱3B in retail bonds

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KGLI-NM drops plan to buy stake in Aboitiz unit

Are farmers fools?

COMMENTARY

Construction sector still growing

BUSINESS *Friday*

Hitting the right targets at the right place and time

There's a crystal clear edge in unique ad placements







AD for Greenwich Pizza.

3 innovative products

Score & noted

Changing brand positioning

Marketing Rx

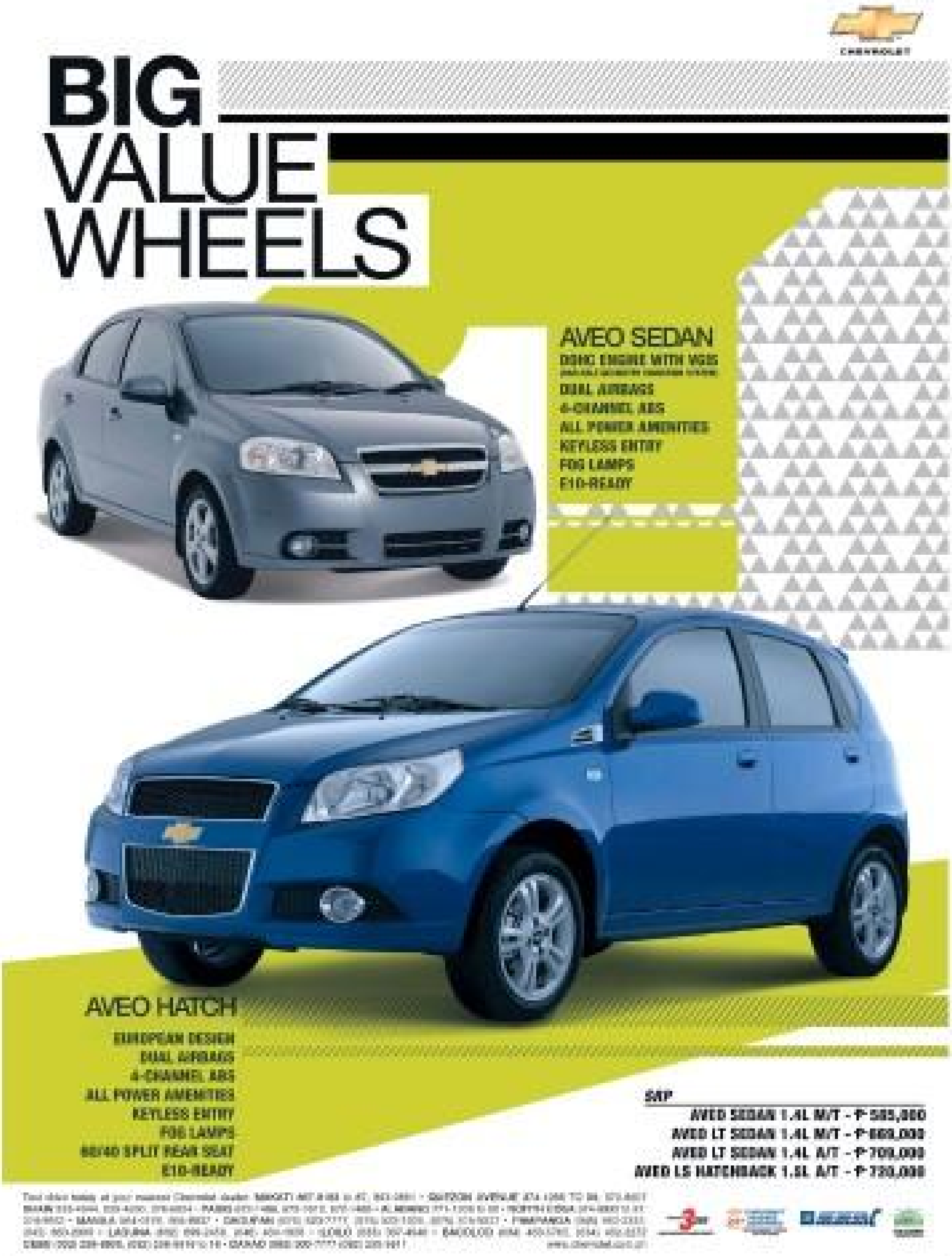
Dr. Neal Roberto & Ardy Roberto

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Phoenix still bullish; plans to put up 35 stations in '09





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What Jackie Kennedy Onassis loved to use has now been given contemporary relevance

Gucci revives 'The Jackie' bag



GUCCI vintage Jackie bag in beige canvas, brown pigskin and grosgrain green ribbon, 1961



THE NEW Jackie bag in emerald. It also comes in red, purple and white.





A STALWART OF THE GUCCI archives, "The Jackie" bag holds a very special place in the Italian fashion house's storied past.

Created in the '50s, the bag became the preferred accessory of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, who was photographed using numerous versions in the '60s. America's former First Lady was so devoted to the style that the bag soon became known as "The Jackie."

Creative director Frida Giannini, who debuted the New Jackie on the Spring/Summer 2009 Gucci runway, has deftly given the classic Gucci style its present-day relevance. With its original design and exquisite Florentine craftsmanship, the New Jackie offers an innovative yet timeless approach to Gucci's signature codes of luxury.

The design remains rooted in its round-edge shape and signature details, but with contemporary, bamboo-covered studs and ultra-soft body made of exotic animal skin, from crocodile, python, ostrich, to a very soft New Zealand calf.

It's in a fresh palette of violet, emerald, red and neutral leather hues.

Giannini adds her signature touch of long leather tassels with bamboo detailing.

Gucci, exclusively distributed here by Stores Specialists Inc. (SSI), is at Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati City and Rustan's Tower, Mandaluyong City.



EXCLUSIVE

Madoff's ex-clients are cleaning out their closets



By Ingrid Chua-Go

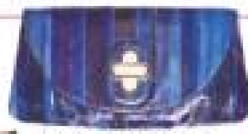
In an interview, best-selling author Dona Thomas redefines luxury during this crisis—it is 'about beautiful products, not beautiful profits'

WHILE RECESSION HAS AFFECTED companies, luxury houses [illegible]



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On the lookout for the latest in shoes and bags? Try these!



NEUTRAL TONES add versatility to shoes and bags



Accessories made of EXOTIC SKIN create a stronger impact



PLAYFUL PRINTS make good style sense

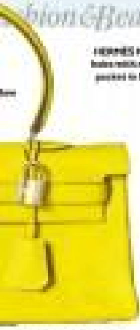


Inspired by the tropical heat of summer, BOLD and BRIGHT colors are a must!



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Homegrown lingerie line





New skin and body clinic



Anti-aging cosmetics

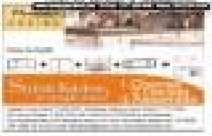


Leg makeup



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New York's hot, haute, hat!

Spotted: New Yorkers in colorful, ingenious and vibrant hats.

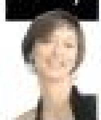
What: New York's annual Easter Parade.

Where: On 5th avenue, along 52nd street to 57th street.

What's hot: ... hats.

You know you love it!: The cute and quirky hats in exuberant colors, and most of all, the high-spirited smiles of New Yorkers despite the economic downturn.

Mabuhay!



Jenni J. Epperson














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Eco-friendly TV

Bigger, brighter, clearer picture comes forth for both the environment and style

By Jenni Epperson

SAMSUNG'S LATEST TVs, the "LED Full HD TVs B7000 and B6000," have ultra-high contrast ratios and dimension depths. These creations surely measure up to the natural beauty of life.

The new products also protect the environment as they are mercury-free and have built-in Energy Star v3.0, which cuts power consumption by up to 40 percent.

Another bonus is the Auto Motion Plus frame interpolation technology, which reduces motion blur. With a sleeker look of an inch-thick, the new Samsung LED TVs push TV technology up to the ultimate.



SAMSUNG LED FULL HD TV B7000

2009 CES Innovation Award honoree for "Ultra Slim LED HD TV with the World's Slimmest Wall Mount Solution." The B7000 is set in a deep piano black bezel and is infused with a light ruby crystal design around the edges.



GREEN TV

A 2009 CES Innovation Award honoree for "Eco-Friendly 1080p LED Full HD TV"

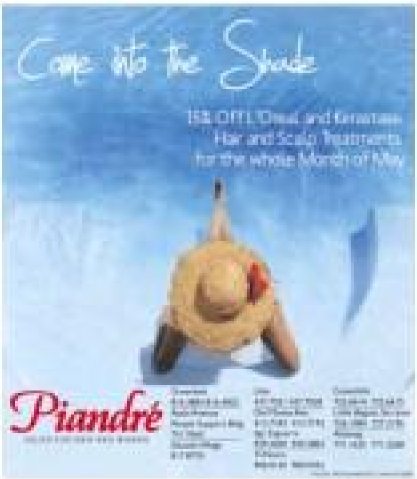


Summer's little white dress









Poetry clinic

Live band

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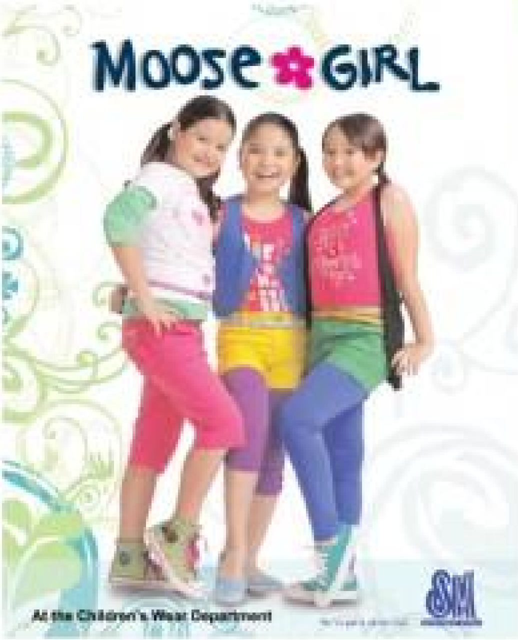
Commemorative stamps

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Resortwear chic and more–in free size





CITRUS-COLORED empire dress for summer





Tip: Don't be afraid to accessorize, play with prints, have fun

FLOWY

By Irene C. Perez

Wellness with fashion

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Slashed top and slashed leggings

By Joani Epperson

FOR THE IMAGINATIVE, FUN-loving and free-spirited, out-trending clothing is "in" because of the recession. With the right materials and the easy steps, nothing is impossible for anyone who wants to be chic and stylish.

Materials

Leggings or T-shirt
Scissors

How-to

- Step 1: Pick a pair of leggings and shirt you want to work on.
- Step 2: Lay the pair of leggings or T-shirt flat on the floor or table.
- Step 3: Start cutting from the outer sides of the leggings and T-shirt. For best results, cut your way in for around 2-3 inches.
- Step 4: Make the distance of each slash around 2 inches or less, like on leggings or a bolt for a more slashed look.

E-mail the author.





GET a leg up on slashed leggings.



runway inspirations









Bianca Santos and Manny Capulla collaborate on a jewelry collection for Linya Disenyu







New sheen on bohemian chic





What really suits the Pinoy male?

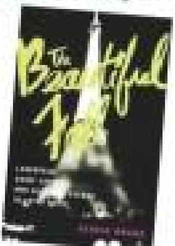
The Filipino corporate guy is so busy. Zegna official gives pointers on dressing right—from first suit to shirt collection



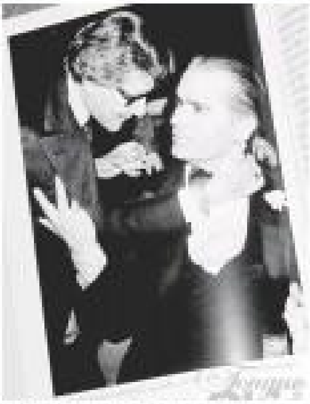





YOUNG Yves Saint Laurent—creator of the modern woman's wardrobe in the 20th century



Book probes the bitter rivalry between YSL and Karl Lagerfeld


FIERCE FASHION RIVALS. Yves Saint Laurent and Karl Lagerfeld were trying to outdo each other in the '70s.

When titans clash

By Lucy Lerida
Contributor

IF YOU BREATHE FASHION, check "The Beautiful Fall: Lagerfeld, Saint Laurent and Glorious Excess in 1970s Paris," by Alicia Drake. This insider's book seeks to probe the bloated egos and hidden lives—the lifestyles of two titans of fashion, Yves Saint Laurent and Karl Lagerfeld.

A British Vogue contributor, Drake takes no prisoners as she writes about the lives of two bitter rivals who continue to define the rules of world-class fashion in the 21st century. Drake calls Lagerfeld the innovator, a workaholic for Chanel and Fendi, and Saint Laurent the martyr who made fashion history by putting women in pants.



For author Drake, YSL is the true designer, while Lagerfeld is a stylist, a merchant with real gut sense of trends and how to market it. She cites Lagerfeld's overhauling the House of Chanel and making it his house.

Drake details Lagerfeld in the end for his stage-managed detachment from love and drugs and his egocentricity.

Saint Laurent, who died last year, perhaps would have risen to greater heights and lived longer but he was addicted to prescription drugs and liquor.

The rivalry probably began in childhood. Lagerfeld may have invented his childhood. He claims to have been born as an only child in a village in war-gripped Hamburg and raised by aristocratic parents. Saint Laurent lived in Oran, part of French Algeria, where he basked in the worship of his mother and sisters.

In class, nationality, wealth and creativity, Lagerfeld and Saint Laurent were pitted against each other like fighting cocks early on.

They started their legendary careers when they arrived in Paris in 1957. Both ambitious youngsters won top prizes for a design contest sponsored by fabric conglomerate Wool Secretariat.

Saint Laurent created an asymmetric cocktail dress which was later executed by the House of Dior, while Karl won for a boxed-shaped houndstooth coat.

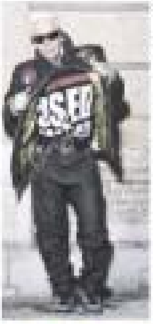
Saint Laurent was hired by Dior at age 19 and upon the sudden death of the great couturier, Saint Laurent, now 22, became head designer and presented a debut Fall collection that was hailed by the fashion press led by Carl Sheffield and Eugenia Sheppard. His collection was heralded as "the new couture."

But drafted in the French army in the early 1960s, Saint Laurent suffered a breakdown.

It was Pierre Bergé, who was to become his lifetime companion, who saved the emotionally fragile designer. He opened the ready-to-wear or prêt-à-porter YSL Rive Gauche (because the shop was located on the Left Bank of Paris, then antiestablishment except for hippies and radical students) who were staging protest against the Vietnam War). In 1967, Bergé and Saint Laurent established a couture atelier.

Revolution

Like a champagne bottle left out in the sun, Paris exploded with student protests and fashion revolution. Now you know


STYLIST-of-cold-and French fashion design, German-born Karl Lagerfeld has been the king of Paris couture and ready-to-wear for Chanel for the past four decades

the military look by YSL had earlier been supported by the student activists who wore vintage army and navy jackets. Blazers, safari's classic peacoat and tweedcoat came out of this era.

In his fashion revolution, Saint Laurent was joined by designers Azzedine Alaïa, Emmanuel Khan and Kenzo Takada in the '70s.

The book praises Saint Laurent as the prodigal principal of an ivory tower who initially combined gifts and hippie in creating his many haute couture collections.

Out of YSL's opium-drenched mind came the Russian peasant dress, black mules inspired by the '40s musical "Bergé and Boxx," Imperial Oriental caracterization, Spanish flamenco dress and the designer's primary legacy to fashion, the empowered woman's pantsuit—Le Smoking or the male formal tuxedo reinvented for women's wear.

Meanwhile, Lagerfeld killed time working for the House of Chloé for 25 years. He became a force to reckon with when he launched KL, his own line, and became designer of Chanel, for life according to his contract.

There were also the legendary drug-fueled orgies in the entourages of Saint Laurent and Lagerfeld. Stages of excess laced with nihilism and pre-AIDS promiscuity were part of the urban legend of these two titans of fashion.

This is a compulsive reading that unmasks the two giants of world fashion. Lagerfeld and Saint Laurent were the heroes of my generation, yet their story is told without nostalgia. The book presents the other side of fashion's mirror—the dark side.

Oscar de la Renta chairs Mango Fashion Awards

BARCELONA—THE JURY OF El Boton-Mango Fashion Awards will be chaired by Dominican designer Oscar de la Renta.

The Dominican designer, who's been based in New York, has agreed to collaborate with Mango to promote young design talent. Mango also has the support of the five most prestigious design schools in Europe.


OSCAR de la Renta

Also in the jury are other fashion luminaries.

De la Renta has received domestic and international fashion awards and is a famous philanthropist.

The first edition of the El Boton-Mango Fashion Awards was launched in November 2007. The 10 finalists of this second edition will present their collections to the jury and compete for a prize of 300,000 euros.

The finalists include Spanish designer Silvia García Perez, Jean Pierre Braganza, a London resident; Fiona Wales and Aleksandra Rossic and Peter Pilotto and Christopher de Vos; Czech designer Jakub Polanka; Belgian designer Christian Wijnants; German duo Miriam Lehle and Juliana Bigler; South Korean Ju Youn Lee; New Zealand designer Alex Kim; and Australian Josh Goot.

The president of the jury in the first edition was Valentino. Winners were the duo of Sandrine Pistolt and Michael Moore from Belgium.

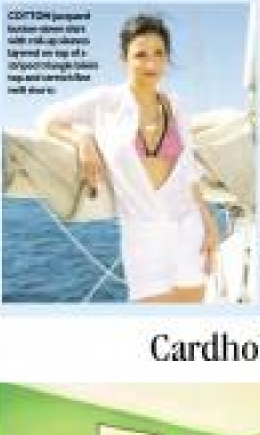
Sultry Katrina Halili makes her Bench Body debut







Still preppy chic



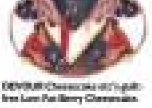


Cardholders get Mother's Day treats









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Mother's Day watch comes with picture frame




SWATCH'S Mother's Day Special Ho Love Tag

ALUMINUM picture frame





Dita Sandico-Ong's 'abel Iloko' fashion ho

Designer makes fashion-forward statements with indigenous Ilocos weave

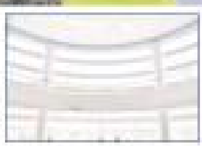






SM CITY OPENS MAY 1











Versatile beauty kit o 'home spa' treatment

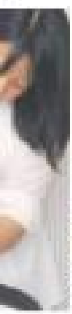


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Foods to combat cellulite

By Howard Murad, MD



MURAD Firm and Tone Serum improves the overall appearance of skin up to 60 percent by increasing skin firmness and elasticity



DR. HOWARD Murad



After a blast, a mellower look

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Be summer chic with the hottest bargains in town!



Filipino supermodel learns the lessons of New York



Charo Ronquillo bags the Ralph Lauren campaign, among other big stints

SINCE Charo Ronquillo has been based in New York since 17, modeling in the world's fashion capital has been a journey of self-discovery for the Philippines' supermodel. Sacrifices are numerous, adjustments many, and lessons learned the hard way.

But the 21-year-old winner of the Supermodel search has also discovered that living independently is good for character. It develops traits that help one succeed in big bad NYC.

After having done the runways of New York Fashion Week and numerous fashion and beauty editorials, Charo is now a seasoned professional. She makes sure she does her job well and comes to assignments always on time. "I learned how to move fast and accomplish things the quickest way, going straight to the point and efficiently delivering impressions. With that, everything starts and finishes on time," she says.

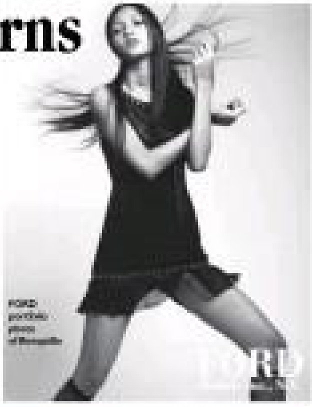
She also has become street-smart. "With the help of maps and not being shy to ask around, with a fighting spirit and personal lessons in your mind, you will definitely know where you must go and how to proceed," she says.

She adds that landing the job for Rugby by Ralph Lauren shot by Jodi Griffith was an answered prayer. She was the only Asian model in the advertising campaign.

Charo sometimes comes home to the Philippines to see her family and renew ties with the local modeling industry. She's among CalGanza's Models International Philippines' top models here.

New York has transformed her.

"I became more focused. I always think of my goals. I always concern myself with things I know will truly concern me. I don't meddle with others' businesses. I enriched myself and I always feel empowered from within," she says. "I am organized. I keep track of my records, monitor my finances, keep an eye on details, and I'm accurate and precise in what I need to prepare and do."



FORD portfolio photo of Ronquillo



PHOTO for Ralph Lauren campaign. Ronquillo was the only Asian model in the campaign.

Special-edition Pacquiao shoes, T-shirts issued

NIKE HAS CREATED A special edition of its newest innovation, the Nike Trainer 1, in celebration of top Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.



The special edition Nike Trainer 1 bears Pacquiao's identity cues, a distinctive Filipino cork liner marked with a Philippine eagle graphic and the May 2, 2009 date of his bout with Ricky Hatton on the tongue. The shoes will be packaged in an own-themed shoe box.

The new Manny shirt bears the logotype "Team Pacquiao" in bold, the same logotype printed on his corner gear. With a Philippine eagle graphic at the back.

Team Pacquiao Windrunners, Manny Pacquiao Soulspin and Wild Card Gym graphic tees are also available exclusively at the Manny Pacquiao pop-up store.

Log on to www.nike.com.ph.



HOSTS, Stephan Uriabanna, Juji Dingyong, Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Pepper Teehankee, Dr. Vicki Belo with ex-husband Atom Henares, moi, Anton San Diego and model Bikky de Leon

A Belo-beautiful affair in Cebu



PAOLO Garcia, Cristina Garcia-Codilla and Mayor Vicente Franco Degan



JACO Jarque, Mike del Gallego and Monique Jarque



CASTALLE Henares, Mary Ann Abalde-Arcalli and Juji Dingyong



ELVIRA Lopez, Dr. Vicki Belo and Teresin Mendezona



JOY Pabon, Donita Rose and Bong Jo



JACKIE Dove Lozoid, moi and Alice Woolbright

WORLD-CLASS BEAUTY DOCTOR **Vicki Belo** hosted a truly grand bash when she launched her clinic in the Queen City of the South.

Vicki, looking even divinely gorgeous in her white flowing dress, was a sight to behold as she led the opening of the Belo Medical Group clinic at The Terraces, Ayala Center Cebu.

The gods of beauty engaged the swimsuit... (the flower-decked terrace)... had Cebu's high and mighty giving their "oohs" and "aahs" of approval and amazement. It was the first time the Ayala terraces garden had been magically transformed into a floral field.

The series of events started with the press conference organized by PR maven **Leah Salonko**, followed by the blessing led by Msgr. Achilles Dakay, and finally the grand summer garden happening in the evening.

Brilliant corporate imaging and branding specialist **Juji Dingyong**, numb, produced and conceptualized the event, alongside **Cristelle Henares Belo**, who handles the Belo Essentials brand and is marketing head of Belo Medical Group.

The walkway from Marriott Hotel and the parking lot to the clinic had huge floral-decked lamps and pillars. There was a dreamlike glass tent in the buffet area, done and executed by the Pink Flora team, headed by **Pinky Chang**. Talented landscape artist James Chan (...) and the stage into an enchanting floralscape!

As we walked toward the venue, we encountered eye-catching models, all from **Chinkey Tomol III** of MAC agency; they were adorned with flowers and dressed in summer's brightest colors.

There was a free-flowing champagne bar, with the bubbly Moet et Chandon flown in from Manila, a treat to all of Juji had arranged as always—di ba?

The topnotch entertainers were led by Cebu's Pinoy Philharmonic Orchestra and handsome balladeer Christian Bautista.

Christopher de Leon had the young and young-at-heart applauding and cheering after each number. At one point, he asked friend actress **Alice Woolbright**, his ex, to come up on stage with him. But she was too shy to accept the invitation. (After the show, they went to the bar of the popular Waterfront Hotel.) The sexy, wacky **Janno Gibbs** had us roaring with laughter, while **Donita Rose** was an eye-ful emcee. Director was **Rudie Gamis**.

Lapoy Abdayo, a Cebuano group, drummed rhythmic rhythms, while Pamela Mercenat performer **Micha** kept the revelers entertained during the after-party with his Latin and house music sounds. Truly a beautiful, magical night!

The event was organized by Graphic FX Advertising and Design, managed superbly by **Scam Gonzales**.

Cebu socialite **Teresin Mendezona** planned the floral setup and the night's menu, which was excellently done by Rafel Urbina and catered by Laguna Garden Café of **Lila Ochoa** and **Jill Ochoa**. Kenneth Cobonpue remarked: "This event is simply beautiful!"

Vicki came to Cebu with her associates, Dr. **Philip Bolog** and Dr. **Marisar Cruz**, who mingled with the Cebu clinic's Dr. Dimple Mangondaya and Dr. Arvee Uy.

We caught up with Gov. **Gwen Garcia's** pretty daughter, lawyer **Cristina Garcia Codilla**, and her fiancé, good-looking Mayor **Vicente Franco Degan**. They would be saying their "I dos" soon, pakinggan.

From Manila were fashionistas **Atom Henares**, **Lady Kirsch**, **Tessa Prieto-Valdes**, **Pepper Teehankee**, **Anton San Diego** and **Augustine Ting**. Beautiful **Claudine Barretto**, celebrity endorser of Belo Essentials, was also there.

To signify a new beginning for the Belo Medical Group, butterflies from the Jumalon Butterfly Farm were released to the evening sky. The sight was amazing. The ceremony was led by Dr. Belo and Cristelle, along with prominent Cebuanos from Cebu's elite, such as Kenneth Cobonpue and son Andre; Mary Ann Abalde-Arcalli and daughter Jasmine; Elvira Lopez and Bayer; Mark Canda and Matthew; Honey Loop and Edward; and Eleanor Hayco and Edeldine.

The launching of Belo's Cebu clinic was definitely an awesome success, pakinggan. Without a doubt, it was a world-class event, the way Belo has always been defined.

Bravo!

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Alex Van Hagen using PKL Photo Solutions

Hottest ticket in Boracay

It's definitely going to be the hottest ticket this long, fun and bruised weekend. We're talking about Century Tuna Superbods 2009: Bods and Brains Challenge on May 2 at the popular Pearl of the Pacific and Plaza de la in Boracay, pakinggan.

Twenty gorgeous bodies are set to strut their stuff in a larger-than-life obstacle course of puzzles and challenges for the chance to become the next male and female Superbods and bring home a cool half a million pesos each!

Hosting the event are **Marc Nelson**, **Rovilson Fernandez**, **Bianca Chanco** and **Joey Mead**. Century Tuna image model **Isabelle Diaz Daza**, Century Tuna Superbods 2007 winners **Sam Sugaril** and **Pinky Ortega** will add color to the evening.

So be there! I know I will definitely be in this hot event, pakinggan.



TWENTY finalists of the Century Tuna Superbods 2009: Bods and Brains Challenge, which will be held May 2 in Boracay



ELEANOR and Edeldine Hayco with Chloe Rodriguez and Philip Rodriguez



CHRIS Lindler Garcia, Vicki Belo and Kathy Woolbright



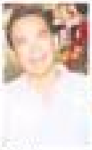
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CHRISTIAN Bautista and Lady Kirsch



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JUNE Basaña, Anton San Diego and Waterfront Hotel GM Marco Protacio



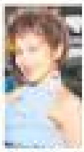
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MARCO Protacio, Jill Urbina, Jing Ferrer and Marissa Ferrer



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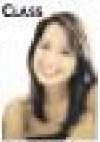
JUNE Ugarte, Alice Woolbright, Christopher de Leon, Tamale Booth, Jackie Lozoid and Iris Ferrer-Arcenas



FLOWER-BEDECKED walk leads to Belo clinic in Cebu.

Travel exec sticks to corporate fashion

THE WORKING CLASS



> Len Pangomiban-Yaptangco believes in setting a good example for her staff–even in style



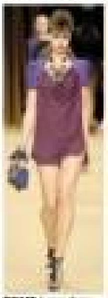




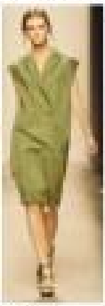


Flirty frocks

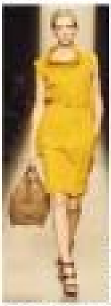
Summer is for showing off, so flaunt your toned limbs and golden tan in the season's sexy short numbers



DRAPE jersey dress from Louis Vuitton's Spring/Summer 2009 collection



OLIVE dress from Bottega Veneta's S/S 2009 collection



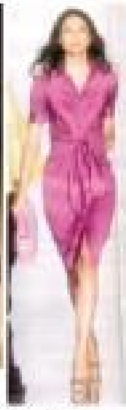
SUNNY yellow dress from Bottega Veneta's S/S 2009 collection



BLACK semi-sun dress, cinched at the waist with an obi belt from Louis Vuitton's Spring/Summer 2009 collection



ORANGE tunic dress inspired by the tropical sun from Bottega Veneta's S/S 2009 collection



SATIN dress by Nanni

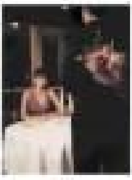


WISPY fringes of ostrich feather dress in bright yellow from Louis Vuitton's Spring/Summer 2009 collection

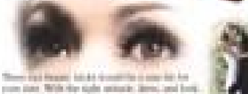


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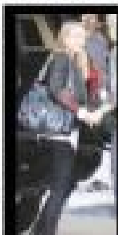


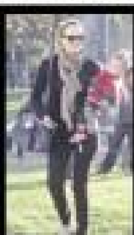




Stars parade in Tod's style

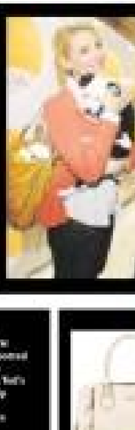
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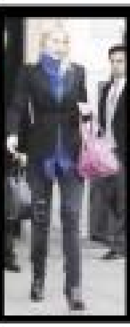


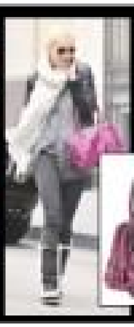
NAOMI Watts and Jessica Alba spotted in Los Angeles carrying the Tod's Mommy Bag in blue nylon





KATHERINE Heigl carrying a Tod's G-Bag in yellow coated canvas while attending the Mocha to Melrose event in Los Angeles







GWYNETH Paltrow spotted in London carrying a Tod's Helmet Zip Piccola in magenta python





"CONFESSIONS of a Shopaholic's" Isla Fisher carrying a Tod's Helmet Zip Tote in white leather upon arriving at the airport in London

ENTERTAINMENT

■ Hooked on photography
Out of the Closet/14



Kris: I felt used, discarded

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE BATTLE FOR SCOOPS and exclusive reports on TV has claimed a hundred victim: Kris Aquino.

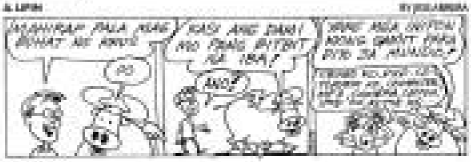


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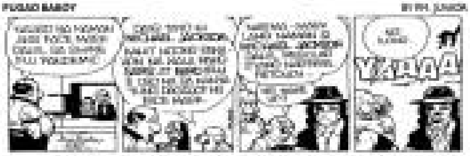
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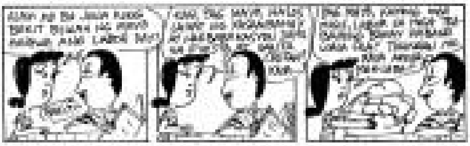
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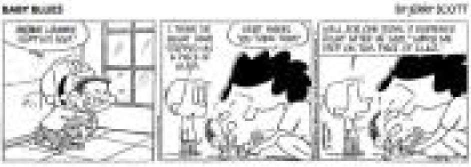


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BABY BLUES

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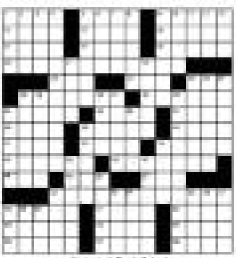




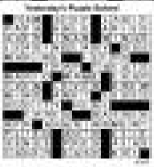


HOROSCOPE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

	8	9	5					
	1		7			3		
	5		3			4		
	9		6		8		2	
		4			2		6	
		2			6		7	
					4	1	8	

Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

5	6	2	8	1	7	9	3	4
7	8	9	5	4	3	1	6	2
3	1	4	9	2	6	7	8	5
2	7	8	1	3	9	5	4	6
6	9	3	2	5	4	8	7	1
4	5	1	6	7	8	2	9	3
8	2	7	4	6	5	3	1	9
9	4	5	3	8	1	6	2	7
1	3	6	7	9	2	4	5	8

'Wolverine' star . . .

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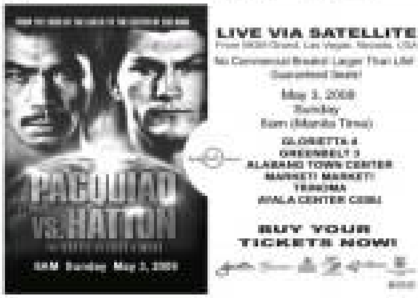
















'Wolverine' star roots for Pacquiao

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
Ruben V. Nepales





Frazier fan

'Thrills' action scenes

Healthy competition

Animalistic ferocity

Kris: I felt used, discarded



LIVING Stars

Editor Emmie G. Velarde





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BOOKS

WHENEVER I'M IN THE mall, I make sure to bring home an inspirational book like "200 Thoughts That Lead to Happiness" by Lou Chekka. It reminds me to always stay positive—that there are many things in our life that can lead to fulfillment, that we create our own joy. I follow the tips in the book. For example, if you do something nice for another person, never expect anything in return. That's one way to avoid disappointment. You can learn a lot of things from this book and it's easy to read.

KRISTEL MORENO



A FRIEND RECOMMENDED the book "A Child Called It" by Dave Pelzer. It's an inspiring story of a boy who survived all sorts of hardships and abuse while growing up. It encouraged me to become a stronger person. After reading this book, people who think they have big problems would surely be grateful for their blessings.

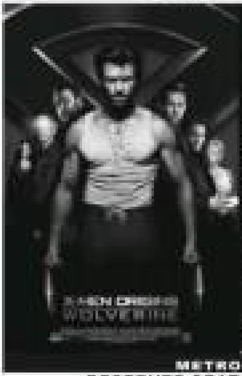






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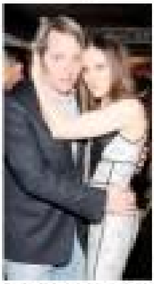
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Parker, Broderick expecting twins by surrogate



MATTHEW Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker AP

LOS ANGELES—SARAH JESSICA Parker and Matthew Broderick will be taking on new roles: parents of twin girls.

The "Sex and the City" star and her actor-husband are expecting twins through a surrogate pregnancy, representatives for the couple said Tuesday.

Parker, 44, and Broderick, 47, "are happily anticipating the birth of their twin daughters later this summer with the generous help of a surrogate. The entire family is overjoyed," said a statement from the publicist.

The couple has a 5-year-old son, James Wilkie Broderick, and will mark their 12th wedding anniversary next month.

Details about the surrogate or her pregnancy were unavailable, the publicist said.

Parker starred in the "Sex and the City" TV series and the hit movie of the same name. Broderick's credits include the films "Glory" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and the Broadway musical "The Producers." AP

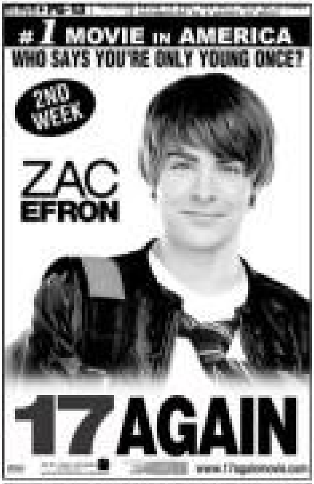




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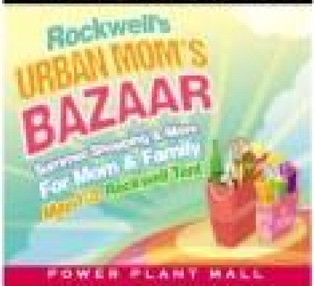


















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